

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 and new claim 19 are pending in this application. Claims 13-18 have been canceled.

In the Final Office Action of November 17, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,671,354 to Ito et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,805,203 to Horton.

Independent claim 1 has been amended herein to include the feature of canceled claim 13. As such, independent claim 1, as amended herein, recites in part as follows:

"... wherein the conditions further include a type of peripheral device associated with each client terminal device."

Thus, in the communication system of claim 1, user information related to a client terminal device indicates conditions under which the client terminal device is connected to the network. Such conditions include a transmission band associated with the client terminal device and "a type of peripheral device" associated with the client terminal device.

In explaining the rejection, the Examiner appears to rely on col. 4, lines 21-28 of Ito to disclose the feature of claim 13. It should be noted that while explaining the rejection, the Examiner recited the features of claim 5 when applying such portion of Ito rather than reciting the features of claim 13. It is respectfully submitted that the portion of Ito applied by the Examiner (hereinafter "Ito") with regard to claim 13 does not appear to disclose conditions that "include a type of peripheral device associated with each client terminal device," as in amended claim 1.

That is, Ito discloses in col. 4, lines 21-28 that:

"The user management equipment 1 is characteristic to the present embodiment and is realized by a personal computer or a workstation. In the user management equipment 1, a network user management file 2 stores log-in information, such as user authentication information like a user ID and a password for each user, and user authentication information for each server like an ID and a password, and user account information such as a budgetary account for the whole network for each user and an actual account for each server. A server management file 3 stores address information about each of the servers connected to the network."

Thus, Ito does not appear to disclose conditions that include a type of peripheral device associated with each client terminal device. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Ito and Horton.

For similar or somewhat similar reasons with regard to claim 1, amended independent claim 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10 are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Ito and Horton.

Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, and 12 depend from one of the independent claims, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Ito and Horton for at least the reasons previously described.

For similar or somewhat similar reasons with regard to claim 1, new independent claim 19 is believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Ito and Horton.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested

that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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